



TOWN OF HOPEDALE.

LIST OF PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED.

[Those marked with a * are given.]

WEEKLIES.

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| American Architect and Building News.* | Milford Daily News.* |
| American Gardening. | “ Gazette.* |
| American Machinist. | “ Journal (Daily and Weekly).* |
| Christian Alliance.* | Milford Times.* |
| Electrical World. | New England Homestead. |
| Frank Leslie's Illustrated. | Official Gazette.* |
| Garden and Forest. | Publishers' Weekly. |
| Harper's Bazar. | Scientific American. |
| “ Round Table. | “ Supplement. |
| “ Weekly. | Youth's Companion. |
| Illustrated American. | |
| “ London News. | |

MONTHLIES.

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| American Advocate of Peace.* | Industrial Record. |
| Arena. | Library Bulletin.* |
| Art Interchange. | Ladies' Home Journal. |
| Atlantic. | McClure's Magazine. |
| Carpentry and Building. | Manifesto.* |
| Century. | Mechanics. |
| Cosmopolitan. | Munsey's. |
| Demorest's. | New England Magazine. |
| Educational Review. | Nineteenth Century. |
| Engineering. | North American Review. |
| Forum. | Pacific Banner.* |
| Foundry.* | Review of Reviews. |
| Frank Leslie's Popular Magazine. | St. Nicholas. |
| Harper's Magazine. | Scribner's. |
| | Textile Record.* |

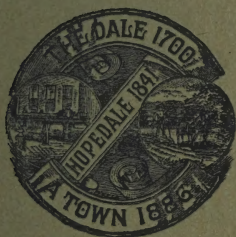
ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Clerk.

D. A. WESTCOTT.

Treasurer.

E. D. BANCROFT.

Collector.

E. S. STIMPSON.

Auditor.

A. A. MESSINGER.

Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Board of Health, and Fence Viewers.

F. M. DAY,

L. B. GASKILL,

E. A. DARLING.

Assessors.

3 Years—H. W. BRACKEN,

2 Years—WM. BANCROFT,

1 Year—G. O. DRAPER.

School Committee.

3 Years—A. W. HAM,

2 Years—F. J. DUTCHER,

1 Year—ANNA M. BANCROFT.

Trustees of Library.

3 Years—TIMOTHY OSGOOD,

2 Years—F. H. FRENCH,

1 Year—M. J. BIGELOW.

Constables.

ROBERT ROSS,

ANTOINE MORIN,

S. A. ANDREW,

H. B. FISK,

A. F. FAIRBANKS,

G. H. COLE,

J. M. FRENCH,

CHARLES A. HOPKINS,

E. C. BARROWS.

Field Drivers.

S. MADDEN,

J. M. FRENCH,

FRANK GASKILL.

Highway Surveyors.

3 Years—G. A. DRAPER,

2 Years—F. M. DAY,

1 Year—C. F. ROPER.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

| Dr. | | Cr. | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| To orders drawn, viz:— | | By appropriation, viz:— | |
| Teaching, Hopedale . . . | \$3,441 39 | General . . . | \$6,000 00 |
| Teaching, South Hopedale . . . | 399 88 | Heating . . . | 725 00 |
| Care, Hopedale . . . | 356 46 | School accommodations . . . | 500 00 |
| Care, South Hopedale . . . | 19 50 | State, school fund . . . | 269 20 4 |
| Fuel . . . | 1,007 24 | State, payment account Superintendent . . . | 416 67 |
| Text books . . . | 619 20 | School property sold . . . | 12 43 |
| Repairs . . . | 236 86 | Balance . . . | 282 44 |
| Supervision . . . | 500 00 | | |
| Incidentals . . . | 434 30 | | |
| Improvements . . . | 46 35 | | |
| Fire escape . . . | 254 27 | | |
| Heating . . . | 712 44 | | |
| Schoolhouse plans . . . | 177 85 | | |
| | <u>\$8,205 74</u> | | <u>\$8,205 74</u> |

Balance overdrawn:—

General

\$362 88

Balance unexpended:—

Heating

\$12 56

Accommodations

67 88

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

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Dr.

To orders drawn, viz:—

Books
Periodicals
Labor
Binding
Gas and water
Supplies
Sundries (See Trustees' report)

\$668 25
152 45
328 55
120 91
70 86
73 99
89 22

Cr.

By appropriation
Dog tax
Fines

\$1,300 00
169 98
34 25

\$1,504 23

\$1,504 23

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.

To orders drawn, viz:—

| | |
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| Labor and material used in general repairs . . . | \$3,209 58 |
| Sundries (See Commissioners' report) | 1,048 78 |
| Drains . . . | 105 70 |
| Watering . . . | 860 03 |
| New street . . . | 7,881 36 |
| Hopedale and Main streets . . . | 5,296 35 |
| Balance . . . | 1,218 05 |

Balance overdrawn:—

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| General repairs . . . | \$38 51 |
|-----------------------|---------|

Cr.

By appropriations, viz:—

| | |
|---|------------|
| General repairs . . . | \$4,000 00 |
| Surface drains . . . | 200 00 |
| Watering . . . | 1,000 00 |
| New street . . . | 8,000 00 |
| Main and Hopedale streets . . . | 6,200 00 |
| J. B. Bancroft . . . | 1 00 |
| Charges to sundry parties for work done . . . | 218 85 |

Balance unexpended:—

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Drains . . . | \$ 94 30 |
| Watering . . . | 139 97 |
| New street . . . | 118 64 |
| Hopedale and Main streets . . . | 903 65 |

\$19,619 85

\$19,619 85

SIDEWALK DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.

To orders drawn, viz:—

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Labor and material . . . | |
| Concrete . . . | |
| Sundries (See Commissioners' report) | |
| Balance . . . | |

Cr.

| | | |
|--|---|------------|
| | By appropriation . . . | \$1,500 00 |
| | Charges to sundry parties for assess- ment on concrete . . . | 1,035 64 |
| | W. U. Telegraph Co. . . | 10 00 |
| | Dutcher Temple Co. . . | 84 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,546 48 |
| | Amount unexpended . . . | \$268 78 |
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| | | \$2,546 48 |

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

FIRE DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

| Dr. | | Cr. | |
|--|------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| To orders drawn, viz:— | . | By appropriation . . . | \$1,100 00 |
| Pay of members . . . | \$799 12 | Hose . . . | 200 00 |
| Fuel . . . | 8 48 | Paint . . . | 100 00 |
| Water . . . | 13 00 | Incidental department . . . | 40 00 |
| Lights . . . | 19 80 | Balance . . . | 62 56 |
| Hose . . . | 200 00 | | |
| Sundries (See Engineers' report) . . . | 322 67 | | |
| Painting . . . | 139 49 | | |
| | | | ∞ |
| Balance overdrawn:— | \$1,502 56 | | |
| Painting . . . | \$39 49 | | |
| General appropriation . . . | 23 07 | | |
| | | | \$1,502 56 |

POOR DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

| Dr. | | Cr. |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| To orders drawn, viz:— | | |
| Insane | \$163 94 | |
| Sundries (See Overseers' report) | 656 25 | |
| Balance | 79 81 | |
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| | \$900 00 | |
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| | Balance unexpended | \$900 00 |
| | | \$79 81 |

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STATE AID in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

| Dr. | | Cr. |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------|
| To amount paid on orders and charged | | |
| state, 1896 account | \$238 00 | |
| | | |
| | By amount received from state, 1895 ac- | |
| | count | \$198 00 |

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

INCIDENTAL DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.

To orders drawn, viz:—

Salaries:—

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Selectmen's clerk . . . | \$ 50 00 |
| Selectmen . . . | 200 00 |
| Treasurer . . . | 100 00 |
| Town Clerk . . . | 50 00 |
| Collector . . . | 192 92 |
| Assessors . . . | 73 00 |
| Registrars . . . | 100 00 |
| Auditor . . . | 20 00 |
| Election officials . . . | 55 00 |

\$840 92

| | |
|---|--------|
| Stationery . . . | 8 15 |
| Legal services . . . | 200 00 |
| Printing . . . | 134 00 |
| Sundries (See Selectmen's report) . . . | 173 39 |
| Insurance . . . | 310 08 |

\$1,666 54
\$51 24

Balance overdrawn . . .

Cr.

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| By appropriation . . . | \$1,600 00 |
| Court fines . . . | 15 30 |
| Balance . . . | 51 24 |

\$1,666 54

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Water Account.

| Dr. | | Cr. |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| To orders drawn . . . | \$1,609 09 | By appropriation . . . \$1,780 00 |
| | | Unexpended balance . . . \$170 91 |

Mendon Records.

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| To orders drawn . . . | \$300 00 | By appropriation . . . \$300 00 |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------------------------|

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Street Lights Account.

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| To orders drawn . . . | \$1,462 12 | By appropriation . . . \$1,744 00 |
| | | Unexpended balance . . . \$281 88 |

Interest Account.

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| To orders drawn . . . | \$288 21 | By appropriation . . . \$400 00 |
| Balance . . . | 178 01 | Interest bank deposit . . . 66 22 |
| | \$466 22 | |
| | | Balance unexpended . . . \$466 22 |
| | | \$178 01 |

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS—Continued.

Decoration Day Account.

| DR. | | CR. |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| To orders drawn . . . | \$50 00 | By appropriation . . . \$50 00 |

Town Hall Account.

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| To orders drawn . . . | \$1,174 41 | By appropriation . . . \$500 00 |
| Balance . . . | 114 59 | Cash from 1896 rents . . . 789 00 |
| | <u>\$1,289 00</u> | |
| | Balance unexpended . . . | \$1,289 00 |
| | | <u>\$114 59</u> |

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State and County Tax Account.

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| To state tax . . . | \$1,820 00 | By appropriation . . . \$4,000 00 |
| County tax . . . | 3,034 00 | Balance . . . 854 00 |
| | <u>\$4,854 00</u> | |
| Balance overdrawn . . . | \$854 00 | <u>\$4,854 00</u> |

CEMETERY TRUST in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.

| | | | |
|------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance to new account . . . | \$1,864 00 | By balance from last account . . | \$1,764 00 |
| | | Mary J. Jacques account, Lot No. 11 . | 100 00 |

\$1,864 00

New account:—

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Burlingame lot . . | \$100 00 |
| S. M. Whipple . . | 100 00 |
| Sally Whipple . . | 100 00 |
| Margery Humphrey . . | 250 00 |
| J. B. Bancroft . . | 500 00 |
| F. J. and G. M. Dutcher . . | 150 00 |
| S. B. Holbrook . . | 100 00 |
| L. H. Ballou . . | 200 00 |
| A. T. Field account, Thwing lot . . | 150 00 |
| Mary Draper . . | 14 00 |
| P. W. Moody account, lot 45 . . | 50 00 |
| W. G. Comstock . . | 50 00 |
| Mary J. Jacques . . | 100 00 |

\$1,864 00

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

CORPORATION AND BANK TAX in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

| Dr. | | Cr. | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| To corporation tax, 1895 account | \$ 290 51 | By cash, 1895 account | \$ 290 51 |
| Corporation tax, 1896 account | 15,390 46 | Cash, 1896 account, corporation | 14,659 10 |
| Bank tax, 1896 account | 2,688 01 | Cash, 1896 account, bank | 2,688 01 |
| | | Balance. | 731 36 |
| | <u>\$18,368 98</u> | | |
| To amount unpaid, 1896 account | \$731 36 | | <u>\$18,368 98</u> |

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS CHARGED SUNDRY PARTIES.

UNPAID DEC. 31, 1896.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|----------|
| State of Massachusetts, state aid | . | . | . | . | \$238 90 |
| State of Massachusetts, corporation tax, 1896 account | . | . | . | . | 731 36 |
| D. A. Westcott, 1895 account, highways | . | . | . | . | 4 93 |
| D. Patrick, 1895 account, sidewalks | . | . | . | . | 21 90 |
| G. M. Burgess, 1895 account, sidewalks | . | . | . | . | 24 80 |
| M. Gaffney, 1895 account, " | . | . | . | . | 22 00 |
| H. L. Patrick, 1896 account, sidewalks and highways | . | . | . | . | 73 05 |
| A. Morin, 1896 account, " | . | . | . | . | 9 00 |
| A. B. Edmands, 1896 account | . | . | . | . | 27 00 |
| L. Lowell, 1896, Town Hall account | . | . | . | . | 29 00 |
| | | | | | 15 |

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer, in account with TOWN OF HOPEDALE.

Dr.

To balance from old account, viz:—

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Cemetery trust account | \$1,764 00 |
| Sundry accounts | 219 16 |
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|--|------------|
| Collector, 1895 account | \$1,983 16 |
| Collector, 1896 account | 24 80 |
| Collector, betterments, 1895 account | 22,934 27 |
| Collector, betterments, 1896 account | 856 10 |
| Corporation tax, 1895 account | 261 77 |
| Corporation tax, 1896 account | 290 51 |
| Bank tax, 1896 account | 14,659 10 |
| Dog licenses, account library | 2,688 01 |
| Library fines | 169 98 |
| State of Massachusetts, state aid | 34 25 |
| State of Massachusetts, school account | 198 00 |
| School department | 685 87 |
| Highway, 1896 account | 12 43 |
| Sidewalks, 1895 account | 181 90 |
| Sidewalks, 1896 account | 38 17 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 975 38 |

By amounts paid:—

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| School department | \$8,205 74 |
| Fire department | 1,502 56 |
| Poor department | 820 19 |
| State aid | 238 00 |
| Highway department | 18,401 80 |
| Sidewalk department | 2,277 70 |
| Library department | 1,504 23 |
| Water account | 1,609 09 |
| Street lights | 1,462 12 |
| Interest | 288 21 |
| Decoration Day | 50 00 |
| Town Hall | 1,174 41 |
| State and county tax | 4,854 00 |
| Incidentals | 1,666 54 |
| Borrowed money | 20,500 00 |
| Mendon records | 300 00 |
| Balance | 2,652 63 |

Cr.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Incidental department | . | 15 0 |
| Interest on deposit | . | 66 22 |
| Town Hall | . | 789 00 |
| Fire department | . | 40 00 |
| Cemetery trust account | . | 100 00 |
| Borrowed money | . | 20,500 00 |
| Licenses. | . | 3 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$67,507 22 |
| To balance to new account, viz:— | | |
| Cemetery trust | . | \$1,864 00 |
| Sundry items to general fund | . | 788 63 |
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\$67,507 22

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS, CASH RECEIPTS,
AND BALANCES FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1896.

| ACCOUNTS. | Appropriations. | Cash Receipts. | Amts. Unpaid. | Balances. | |
|--|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | | Dr. | Cr. |
| School department, | \$ 6,000 00 | \$ 698 30 | | \$ 362 88 | |
| School Heating, | 725 00 | | | | \$ 12 56 |
| School Accommodations, | 500 00 | | | | 67 88 |
| Fire department, | 1,100 00 | 40 00 | | 23 07 | |
| " " Hose, | 200 00 | | | | |
| " " Painting, | 100 00 | | | 39 49 | |
| Poor department, | 900 00 | | | | 79 81 |
| Highways:— | | | | | |
| General, | 4,000 00 | 181 90 | 37 95 | 38 51 | |
| Drains, | 200 00 | | | | 94 30 |
| Watering, | 1,000 00 | | | | 139 97 |
| New street, | 8,000 00 | | | | 118 64 |
| Main and Hopedale streets, | 6,200 00 | | | | 903 65 |
| Sidewalks, | 1,500 00 | 975 38 | 71 10 | | 268 78 |
| Library, | 1,300 00 | 204 23 | | | |
| Street lights, | 1,744 00 | | | | 281 88 |
| Interest, | 400 00 | 66 22 | | | 178 01 |
| Memorial Day, | 50 00 | | | | |
| State and county tax, | 4,000 00 | | | 854 00 | |
| Incidentals, | 1,600 00 | 15 30 | | 51 24 | |
| Water for fires, | 1,780 00 | | | | 170 91 |
| Mendon records, | 300 00 | | | | |
| Town Hall, | 500 00 | 789 00 | | | 114 59 |
| State aid, | | | 238 00 | | |
| Total receipts for year | | | | \$65,524 06 | |
| Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1896 | | | | 1,983 16 | |
| | | | | | \$67,507 22 |
| Total cash expenditures on 1896 accounts | | | | | 64,854 59 |
| Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1897 | | | | | \$ 2,652 63 |

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1896.

INCIDENTALS.

| | |
|---|------------|
| By appropriation | \$1,600 00 |
| To S. A. Andrew, services at polls | \$ 4 00 |
| S. A. Andrew, posting town warrants | 6 00 |
| George Draper & Sons, express paid and postage | 3 15 |
| J. L. Fairbanks & Co., tax blanks | 3 00 |
| A. F. Fairbanks, services before court, May | 7 62 |
| F. J. Bailey, burying dog | 1 00 |
| Hopedale Stable, carriage for assessors | 6 00 |
| George Draper & Sons, postage stamps | 2 79 |
| J. P. Ryan, labor on fire alarm | 14 60 |
| N. E. Gamewell Co., fire gong | 30 00 |
| Dr. R. C. Fish, return of births | 1 75 |
| George Draper & Sons, book for assess- sors | 1 08 |
| D. A. Westcott, insurance | 310 08 |
| A. F. Fairbanks, court services, Sept. | 9 20 |
| H. C. Snell, court services, Sept. | 9 20 |
| A. F. Fairbanks, court services, Oct. | 18 40 |
| J. M. French, police duty, July 4 | 2 00 |
| George Draper & Sons, postage stamps | 3 00 |
| Robert Ross, police duty, July 4 | 3 00 |
| D. A. Westcott, express, etc. | 6 85 |
| J. M. Wood, return of deaths | 3 75 |
| Fire Department, forest fires | 40 00 |
| Services at polls:— | |
| Lincoln Wright | 3 00 |
| S. A. Andrew | 5 00 |

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|------------------------|---------|
| G. E. Stimpson . . . | \$ 3 00 |
| A. A. Messinger . . . | 5 00 |
| G. H. Davis . . . | 3 00 |
| F. B. Sweet . . . | 3 00 |
| E. L. Chichester . . . | 3 00 |
| S. A. Staples . . . | 5 00 |
| F. H. French . . . | 5 00 |
| D. F. O'Connell . . . | 3 00 |
| W. H. Grayson . . . | 3 00 |
| C. E. Pierce . . . | 5 00 |
| G. P. Sheldon . . . | 3 00 |
| W. F. Gaffney . . . | 3 00 |

Salaries:—

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| A. A. Messinger, Auditor . . . | 20 00 | |
| J. A. Taft, legal services . . . | 200 00 | |
| G. O. Draper, Assessor . . . | 25 00 | |
| Wm. Bancroft, Assessor . . . | 28 00 | |
| H. W. Bracken, Assessor . . . | 20 00 | |
| F. M. Day, Selectman . . . | 100 00 | |
| L. B. Gaskill, Selectman . . . | 50 00 | |
| E. A. Darling, Selectman . . . | 50 00 | |
| G. E. Stimpson, Clerk for Selectmen . . . | 50 00 | |
| W. H. Grayson, Registrar . . . | 25 00 | |
| H. F. Searles, Registrar . . . | 25 00 | |
| S. Staples, Registrar . . . | 25 00 | |
| D. A. Westcott, Town Clerk . . . | 75 00 | |
| E. D. Bancroft, Town Treasurer . . . | 100 00 | |
| E. S. Stimpson, Collector . . . | 192 92 | |
| Printing . . . | 134 00 | |
| Stationery . . . | 8 15 | |
| By court fines . . . | | \$15 30 |
| Amount overdrawn . . . | | 51 24 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$1,666 54 | \$1,666 54 |

STREET LIGHTS.

| | |
|---|------------|
| By appropriation . . . | \$1,744 00 |
| To Milford Electric Light & Power Co. . . | \$1,402 12 |

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|------------|
| J. P. Ryan . . . | \$ 18 00 | |
| Orrin Cook, chestnut poles . . | 12 00 | |
| N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. . . . | 20 00 | |
| Road Commissioners | 10 00 | |
| Unexpended balance | 281 88 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,744 00 |

TAXES.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| By appropriation | \$4,000 00 | |
| To state tax | \$1,820 00 | |
| County tax | 3,034 00 | |
| By amount overdrawn | | 854 00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$4,854 00 | \$4,854 00 |

STATE AID.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| By amount due from state | \$238 00 | |
| To Peter Moore | \$120 00 | |
| M. R. Hanley | 72 00 | |
| F. L. Knox | 18 00 | |
| Mrs. Josephine B. Mansfield . . | 28 00 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$238 00 | \$238 00 |

DECORATION DAY.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|--|
| By appropriation | \$50 00 | |
| To Post 22, G. A. R., Milford . . | \$50 00 | |

WATER FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

| | | |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| By appropriation | \$1,780 00 | |
| To Milford Water Co. | \$1,609 09 | |
| Unexpended balance | 170 91 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$1,780 00 | \$1,780 00 |

INTEREST.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|--|
| By appropriation | \$400 00 | |
| To Hopedale Village Cemetery . . | \$106 59 | |
| Milford Savings Bank | 181 62 | |

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|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| By interest on deposit . . . | | \$66 22 |
| To amount unexpended . . . | \$178 01 | |
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| | \$466 22 | \$466 22 |

TOWN HALL.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| By appropriation . . . | | \$500 00 |
| To Hopedale Stable Co., coal, etc. . | \$446 53 | |
| Collyer Machine Co., piping . . . | 4 40 | |
| H. L. Patrick, supplies . . . | 25 | |
| L. A. Lamson, supplies . . . | 2 28 | |
| T. E. Morse, painting . . . | 34 37 | |
| L. Lowell, supplies . . . | 21 17 | |
| Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies . . . | 30 52 | |
| J. Hinman & Co., fire extinguishers | 60 00 | |
| Grafton & Upton R. R. Co., freight | 40 | |
| R. Varnam, carpenter work . . . | 10 00 | |
| Hopedale Machine Co., plumbing, etc. | 60 23 | |
| C. L. Gorham & Co., tuning piano | 2 50 | |
| Eldredge & Beatty, glass, etc. . . | 9 50 | |
| Dutcher Temple Co., labor . . . | 1 90 | |
| Milford Water Co. . . . | 32 92 | |
| Milford Gas-Light Co. . . . | 107 48 | |
| H. M. Bates, janitor . . . | 349 96 | |
| By rent received . . . | | 789 00 |
| To unexpended balance . . . | 114 59 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$1,289 00 | \$1,289 00 |

SUMMARY.

| DEPARTMENT. | Appropriation. | Due from State. | Cash Received. | Totals. | Expended. | Unexpended Balance. | Exceeded Appropriation. |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Incidentals, | \$1,600 | | \$ 15 30 | \$1,615 30 | \$1,666 54 | | \$ 51 24 |
| Street Lights, | 1,744 | | | 1,744 00 | 1,462 12 | \$281 88 | |
| State Aid, | | \$238 | | 238 00 | 238 00 | | |
| Water for Fire Purposes, | 1,780 | | | 1,780 00 | 1,609 09 | 170 91 | |
| Memorial Day, | 50 | | | 50 00 | 50 00 | | |
| Interest, | 400 | | 66 22 | 466 22 | 288 21 | 178 01 | |
| State and County Taxes, | 4,000 | | | 4,000 00 | 4,854 00 | | 854 00 |
| Town House, | 500 | | 789 00 | 1,289 00 | 1,174 41 | 114 59 | |
| Mendon Records, | 300 | | | 300 00 | 300 00 | | |
| | | | | \$11,482 52 | \$11,642 37 | \$745 39 | \$905 24 |

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|-------------|
| Total amount received | . | . | . | \$11,482 52 |
| “ expended | . | . | . | 11,642 37 |
| Amount overdrawn | . | . | . | 159 85 |

APPRAISEMENT OF TOWN PROPERTY, JAN. 1, 1897.

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|-------------|
| Town House | . | . | . | . | \$35,000 00 |
| Town House store fixtures | . | . | . | . | 450 00 |
| Schoolhouse, Hopedale street | . | . | . | . | 5,000 00 |
| Schoolhouse, South Hopedale | . | . | . | . | 950 00 |
| High School building | . | . | . | . | 7,000 00 |
| Wood land | . | . | . | . | 500 00 |
| Public Library | . | . | . | . | 5,000 00 |

\$53,900 00

Highway Property:—

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|----------|
| Stone crusher and engine | . | . | . | . | \$900 00 |
| Road scraper | . | . | . | . | 40 00 |
| Three snow plows | . | . | . | . | 60 00 |
| Small tools | . | . | . | . | 150 00 |
| Water cart | . | . | . | . | 375 00 |
| Eleven stand pipes | . | . | . | . | 300 00 |
| Road roller | . | . | . | . | 175 00 |

\$2,000 00

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT- MEN.

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Memorial Day | \$ 50 00 |
| Incidentals | 1,600 00 |
| Interest | 450 00 |
| Street lights | 1,700 00 |
| Support of poor | 1,100 00 |
| Water for hydrants | 1,780 00 |
| State and county tax | 5,000 00 |
| Town Hall | 500 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. DAY,
L. B. GASKILL,
E. A. DARLING,
Selectmen.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1896.

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| By appropriation | \$900 00 | |
| To F. Lovely, South Hopedale | \$172 00 | |
| Westboro Insane Hospital, care of Esther Fiske | 76 34 | |
| Medfield Insane Asylum, care of Esther Fiske | 87 60 | |
| Town of Westboro, care of Lucius Fiske | 156 75 | |
| Town of Milford, care of Curtis Clafin | 156 00 | |
| Town of Milford, care of family of George D. Edmands | 157 00 | |
| Support of Mrs. F. D. Montague | 12 00 | |
| Dr. R. C. Fish, medical services for tramp | 1 00 | |
| Cash for tramp | 1 50 | |
| Unexpended balance | 79 81 | |
| | | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$900 00 | \$900 00 |

F. M. DAY,
L. B. GASKILL,
E. A. DARLING,
Overseers of Poor.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1896.

Five cases of measles, four of scarlet fever, and four of typhoid fever reported, and all received proper attention.

F. M. DAY,
L. B. GASKILL,
E. A. DARLING,
Board of Health.

REPORT OF FENCE VIEWERS,

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1896.

No complaint.

F. M. DAY,
L. B. GASKILL,
E. A. DARLING,
Fence Viewers.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

For 1896.

GENERAL REPAIRS.

| | DR. | CR. |
|---|------------|------------|
| By appropriation | | \$4,000 00 |
| Work for outside parties | | 218 85 |
| Lantern frame sold J. B. Bancroft | | 1 00 |
| To labor | \$2,941 33 | |
| Material | 268 25 | |
| Sundries:— | | |
| Hopedale Stable | 130 78 | |
| Sherman Bros., bridges | 83 74 | |
| Charles A. Hill, iron fence | 398 72 | |
| Z. C. Field, boards, etc. | 2 95 | |
| Henry L. Patrick, shovels | 7 60 | |
| Ames Plow Co., road roller | 210 82 | |
| H. A. Barney | 20 34 | |
| Hopedale Machine Co., supplies | 40 10 | |
| Grafton & Upton railroad, freight | 6 45 | |
| Town of Milford, bridge at Whitin mill | 26 03 | |
| Hopedale Machine Co., fence at dam | 98 20 | |
| George E. Stimpson | 11 20 | |
| A. Morin | 11 85 | |
| Exceeded appropriation | | 38 51 |
| | \$4,258 36 | \$4,258 36 |

SIDEWALKS.

| | DR. | CR. |
|---|-----|------------|
| By appropriation | | \$1,500 00 |
| Work for outside parties and material | | 1,046 48 |

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| To labor | \$1,413 41 | |
| Material | 627 44 | |
| Sundries:— | | |
| Hopedale Stable | 33 25 | |
| N. Y. Coal Tar and Chemical Co. | 22 50 | |
| Hopedale Machine Co., fixing rail- ing | 15 24 | |
| Clark Ellis & Sons | 62 61 | |
| W. H. Manning, report | 11 20 | |
| Union Snow Plow & Wagon Co., snow plow | 40 00 | |
| Dutcher Temple Co. | 2 05 | |
| Milford Electric Power Co. | 50 00 | |
| Unexpended balance | 268 78 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$2,546 48 | \$2,546 48 |

WATERING.

| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| By appropriation | \$1,000 00 | |
| To Hopedale Stable, running cart | \$397 55 | |
| Milford Water Co. | 448 28 | |
| Adams Express Co. | 25 | |
| Cornelius Callahan Co., hose, etc. | 5 20 | |
| A. Morin, repairing cart | 8 75 | |
| Unexpended balance | 139 97 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$1,000 00 | \$1,000 00 |

DRAINS.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| By appropriation | \$200 00 | |
| To Williams Bros., cement | \$ 2 70 | |
| G. Cenedella | 103 00 | |
| Unexpended balance | 94 30 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$200 00 | \$200 00 |

HOPEDALE AND MAIN STREETS.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|--|
| By appropriation | \$6,200 00 | |
| To J. P. Lyon, labor | \$ 14 81 | |

| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| Hopedale Machine Co., labor and material | \$ 8 05 | |
| G. Cenedella | 4,082 43 | |
| K. S. Sweet, engineer | 62 00 | |
| Gordon H. Taylor, engineer | 82 50 | |
| Hopedale Stable, labor | 31 50 | |
| Labor by department | 744 46 | |
| Samuel Gaskill, gravel | 222 30 | |
| M. E. Hall, " | 20 80 | |
| G. A. Draper " | 25 95 | |
| Dutcher Temple Co., gravel | 6 55 | |
| Unexpended balance | 898 65 | |
| | | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$6,200 00 | \$6,200 00 |

NEW STREET.

| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| By appropriation | | \$8,000 00 |
| To K. S. Sweet, engineer | \$218 85 | |
| Jas. Gaffney, labor | 6 57 | |
| Hopedale Machine Co., labor and material | 10 60 | |
| G. Cenedella | 6,103 28 | |
| Gordon H. Taylor, engineer | 64 50 | |
| Paul French, labor | 22 87 | |
| C. E. Arnold, " | 5 87 | |
| E. L. Walker, " | 7 65 | |
| Grafton & Upton R. R., freight on stone | 1,213 72 | |
| Mass. Broken Stone Co., stone | 227 45 | |
| Unexpended balance | 118 64 | |
| | | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$8,000 00 | \$8,000 00 |

SUMMARY.

| DEPARTMENT. | Appropriation. | Credits for Outside Work. | Total Credits. | Unexpended Balance. | Exceeded Appropriation. |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| General repairs, | \$ 4,000 00 | \$ 218 85 | \$ 4,219 85 | | \$38 51 |
| Sidewalks, | 1,500 00 | 1,046 48 | 2,546 48 | \$ 268 78 | |
| Drains, | 200 00 | | 200 00 | 94 30 | |
| Hopedale and Main streets, | 6,200 00 | | 6,200 00 | 898 65 | |
| New street, | 8,000 00 | | 8,000 00 | 118 64 | |
| Watering, | 1,000 00 | | 1,000 00 | 139 97 | |
| TOTALS. | \$20,900 00 | \$1,265 33 | \$22,166 33 | \$1,520 34 | \$38 51 |

The General Repairs account shows that the amount appropriated has been overdrawn. The reason for this is that we were obliged to pay \$398.72 for an iron fence on Adin street which was built in 1895; the work not being satisfactory, the bill was not approved until 1896. We have also bought a road roller at an expense of \$210.82. Neither of these items was anticipated in asking for the appropriation.

CHARLES F. ROPER,
GEO. A. DRAPER,
F. M. DAY,
Road Commissioners, Town of Hopedale.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS OF HOPEDALE
FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER
31, 1896, GIVING A LIST AND VALUE OF PROPERTY,
NAMES OF MEMBERS, AND NUMBER OF FIRES.

PROPERTY.

| | |
|---|------------|
| One hose house | \$1,600 00 |
| One hose wagon | 375 00 |
| One hose wagon | 100 00 |
| One hook and ladder truck, with ladders | 300 00 |
| 2850 ft. hose (2150 ft. in good condition; 700 ft. un- reliable) | 750 00 |
| Arrow-gun and fire escape | 25 00 |
| Three harnesses, shovels, etc. | 50 00 |
| Fire alarm telegraph complete | 1,600 00 |
| <hr/> | |
| Total | \$4,800 00 |

HYDRANTS.

Thirty-two hydrants, located as follows:—

- Seven on Hopedale street.
- Four on Adin street.
- One on Main street.
- Four on Dutcher street.
- Four on Union street.
- Four on Freedom street.
- One in yard of Hopedale Machine Co.
- One at counting-room.
- One near High School.
- Two on Prospect street.
- One in yard back of foundry.
- Two on Union street extension.

ENGINEERS.

Charles E. Pierce, Chief. A. W. Westcott, 1st Assistant.
 Frank L. Andrew, Clerk and Treasurer.

MEMBERS.

HOSE 2.

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| W. H. French, Foreman, | G. Hamant, Clerk and Treas., |
| T. Gaffney, 1st Assistant, | E. Smith, |
| F. Crawford, 2nd Assistant, | W. Dougherty. |

HOSE 3.

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| S. E. Kellogg, Foreman, | J. E. Andrew, |
| J. P. Durgin, 1st Assistant, | T. F. Mathews, |
| C. L. Whitney, 2nd Assistant, | R. H. Owens, |
| E. S. Adams, Clerk and Treas., | J. J. Wehinger, |
| T. F. Coyne, | J. B. Chapin, |
| E. H. Ingram, | Paysan Leavitt. |
| W. N. Draper, | |

PAY OF MEMBERS, ENGINEERS, AND INCIDENTALS.

| | |
|---|------------|
| By appropriation | \$1,100 00 |
| Order from incidental dept., forest fires, | 40 00 |
| To pay of members | \$542 00 |
| Poll tax of members and engineers | 43 12 |
| Pay of engineers | 84 00 |
| Robert Ross, fire police | 20 00 |
| H. E. Brown, steward | 50 00 |
| Weed Bros.' & Lent, repairs on hose house | 19 73 |
| Hopedale Stable, wood and coal | 8 48 |
| Hopedale Stable, horses and teams at fires and carting merchandise | 68 86 |
| Milford Light and Power Co., labor on line | 14 31 |
| Milford Gas Light Co. | 19 80 |
| Milford Water Co. | 13 00 |
| F. L. Andrew, pay of extra men at fires | 8 00 |
| Grafton & Upton R. R., freight | 2 83 |
| Otis Whitney & Son, labor at hose house, fitting up room | 50 00 |

| | |
|--|------------------|
| N. E. Gamewell Co., supplies for fire alarm system | \$62 20 |
| F. L. Andrew, sundries | 5 35 |
| F. L. Andrew, pay of men at brush fires as per bills | 27 25 |
| C. E. Pierce, cleaning snow from hydrants | 1 50 |
| Hopedale Machine Co., one bottle polish | 50 |
| Lucius Lowell, sundries | 1 15 |
| H. E. Brown, sundries | 5 01 |
| H. E. Brown, care of fire alarm | 60 00 |
| Otis Whitney and Son, material for repairs at hose house | 16 34 |
| Hopedale Machine Co., labor at hose house | 40 |
| W. L. Bennett, paper for papering hose house | 8 54 |
| Cornelius Callahan Co., Holloway Ext. bottles | 4 50 |
| H. L. Patrick, 112 lbs. bi-car. soda. | 3 36 |
| M. L. Clark, sundries | 1 24 |
| C. E. Scates, labor at hose house | 2 50 |
| Cornelius Callahan Co., 50 ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ rubber hose | 4 00 |
| H. E. Brown, sundries | 2 10 |
| Hopedale Machine Co., labor for Dept. | 2 27 |
| J. P. Ryan, repairing fire alarm line | 2 30 |
| Hopedale Machine Co., vitriol | 55 |
| H. E. Brown, sundries | 1 08 |
| H. H. Esterbrook, one copy Mass. Fire Laws | 1 00 |
| Hopedale Mach. Co., setting window light at hose house | 50 |
| Clark Ellis & Sons, repairing water pipes at hose house | 5 30 |
| | <hr/> \$1,163 07 |
| By special appropriation for hose. | \$200 00 |
| By special appropriation, painting hose house | 100 00 |
| Exceeded that appropriation | 39 49 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| By appropriation | | \$1,100 00 |
| Order from Incidental Dept. | | 40 00 |
| To pay of members and engineers | \$799 12 | |
| Incidentals | 363 95 | |
| Exceeded appropriation | | 23 07 |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$1,163 07 | \$1,163 07 |
| Special appropriation for hose | | \$200 00 |
| Special appropriation for painting building | | \$100 00 |

NUMBER OF FIRES.

- April 10.—Brush fire on land of G. O. Draper.
 April 13.—Brush fire on land of S. Madden.
 April 15.—Brush fire back of cemetery.
 April 16.—Brush fire back of cemetery.
 April 27.—Brush fire on land of D. Nelson.
 July 5.—Alarm of fire from Box 26 at a house occupied by Mrs. Jourdan.
 July 28.—Barn burned at South Hopedale, owned by Edmund Barrows.
 Oct. 19.—Alarm of fire from Box 53, at house occupied by Mrs. Mary Moore.
 May 16.—Brush fire near Salt Box.
 Aug. 14.—Fire in Elastic Goods Co.'s mill.
 Nov. 3.—Brush fire on land of F. J. Dutcher.

LOCATION OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

- Box 25.—Hopedale Machine Co.'s yard.
 Box 26.—Union street, near Hopedale Stable.
 Box 38.—Corner Freedom and Dutcher streets.
 Box 45.—West of dam on Freedom street.
 Box 53.—Corner of Adin and Hopedale streets.
 Box 57.—Adin street, near E. S. Draper's.
 Box 62.—Corner of Main and Hopedale streets. (Four corners.)
 Box 64.—Westcott's Mills.
 Names of keyholders found at boxes.

For 1897 we would recommend an appropriation of \$1150, the \$50 to be included for forest fire-wardens.

All equipments of the department are in good working order.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. E. PIERCE,
A. W. WESTCOTT,
F. L. ANDREW,

Board of Engineers, Hopedale Fire Department.

ASSESSORS' REPORT FOR 1896.

| | | |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| Valuation of real estate, excluding land | \$668,525 00 | |
| Valuation of real estate, excluding buildings | 229,235 00 | |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total valuation of real es- tate | \$ 897,760 00 | |
| Total valuation of personal estate | 1,370,925 00 | |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total valuation | | \$2,268,685 00 |
| Increase over 1895 | | \$317,231 20 |
| Tax rate per \$1,000 | | \$10 00 |
| Tax on property | | \$22,686 85 |
| Number of polls taxed | 580 | |
| Tax on each | \$ 2 00 | |
| Tax on polls | \$1,160 00 | 1,160 00 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total tax | | \$23,846 85 |
| Exemptions and abate- ments | | 71 30 |
| <hr/> | | |
| | | \$23,775 55 |
| Bank tax | | 2,688 01 |
| Corporation tax | | 15,390 46 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Available tax | | \$41,854 02 |
| Increase over 1895 | | \$3,505 68 |
| Number of persons assessed | | 676 |
| Number of persons assessed on property | | 208 |
| Number of persons assessed for poll tax only | | 469 |
| Number of polls assessed | | 581 |

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|-------|
| Number of horses assessed | . | . | . | 152 |
| Number of cows assessed | . | . | . | 93 |
| Number of neat cattle assessed | . | . | . | 10 |
| Number of swine assessed | . | . | . | 12 |
| Number of dwelling-houses | . | . | . | 246 |
| Acres of land assessed | . | . | . | 3,040 |
| Population | . | . | . | 1,531 |
| Increase of population over last year | . | . | . | 202 |

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Concisely stated, the Town real estate is largely held by the following groups:—

| | Value. | No. of Acres. |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| The four corporations | \$352,405 00 | 324 |
| George Draper & Sons (Firm and members) | 169,380 00 | 433 |
| Non-residents | 39,180 00 | 607 |
| The Bancroft family | 35,650 00 | 59 |
| A. A. Westcott & Sons (Firm and members) | 33,225 00 | 81 |
| The Gaskill family | 31,275 00 | 698 |
| The Patrick family | 31,175 00 | 109 |
| The Dutcher family | 26,050 00 | 30 |
| The Walker estate | 16,730 00 | 87 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$735,070 00 | 2,428 |

About 81 per cent of the total value, and 80 per cent of the total acreage.

The land in the Town has a taxed value ranging from \$10 to \$3000 per acre, and averaging \$75 per acre as a whole.

The ten largest owners of taxed real estate are as follows:—

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Hopedale Machine Co. | \$216,025 00 |
| Dutcher Temple Co. | 68,880 00 |
| George A. Draper | 50,020 00 |
| Hopedale Elastic Goods Co. | 37,600 00 |
| Eben S. Draper | 32,900 00 |
| William F. Draper | 32,590 00 |

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Hopedale Machine Screw Co. | \$29,900 00 |
| Henry L. Patrick | 26,475 00 |
| F. J. and G. M. Dutcher | 26,050 00 |
| Samuel Gaskill | 21,225 00 |
| | <hr/> \$541,665 00 |

About 60 per cent of the whole.

The ten largest owners of locally taxed personal property are as follows:—

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| William F. Draper | \$393,500 00 |
| Eben S. Draper | 274,875 00 |
| George A. Draper | 226,725 00 |
| George Draper & Sons | 80,000 00 |
| Mrs. C. H. Colburn | 51,150 00 |
| William F. Draper, jr. | 50,000 00 |
| Mrs. E. L. Osgood | 44,900 00 |
| Joseph B. Bancroft | 43,255 00 |
| Hopedale Machine Co. | 30,000 00 |
| George Otis Draper | 24,600 00 |
| | <hr/> \$1,219,005 00 |

About 89 per cent of the whole.

List of those directly and indirectly credited with paying over one hundred dollars tax. Corporation and bank taxes are included, and proportioned with relation to the individual holdings, calling all stock as equal in proportion of state tax. No sums in this table are down twice. This does not show the whole actual personal taxes, therefore. To do so would require a division of the four corporations' direct taxes in proportion to the amounts of stock in each held by Hopedale parties.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Wm. F. Draper | \$10,600 00 |
| Eben S. Draper | 5,950 00 |
| George A. Draper | 5,660 00 |
| Hopedale Machine Co. (direct) | 2,460 25 |
| Mrs. Edward L. Osgood | 2,180 00 |
| Mrs. Charles H. Colburn | 1,910 00 |
| Frank J. and G. M. Dutcher | 1,430 00 |
| Joseph B. Bancroft | 1,400 00 |
| Dutcher Temple Co. (direct) | 788 80 |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| George Otis Draper | \$760 00 |
| William F. Draper, jr. | 740 00 |
| Eben D. Bancroft | 680 00 |
| Hopedale Elastic Goods Co. (direct) | 576 00 |
| Hopedale Machine Screw Co. (direct) | 499 00 |
| Henry L. Patrick | 390 00 |
| Samuel Gaskill | 340 00 |
| Estate of Samuel Walker | 300 00 |
| Asa A. Westcott | 244 00 |
| Charles F. Roper | 220 00 |
| Hamblet B. Fisk | 160 00 |
| William Welch | 160 00 |
| George W. Knight | 150 00 |
| Delano Patrick | 140 00 |
| F. M. Day | 103 00 |
| James H. Northrop | 100 00 |

\$37,941 05

About 90 per cent of the available tax.

In the report of last year it might have been well to compare figures with those of the first Town Report, as it marked the tenth year of the Town's existence.

Going back now and taking last year's report as a basis, it is found that during the first ten years the Town's real estate has increased in value sixty-six per cent. Its locally taxed personal estate has increased four hundred and eighty-six per cent. The total locally taxed property has increased one hundred and eighty per cent.

As the population for the ten years has only increased forty-three per cent, the above showing is thought to be better than has ever been recorded, in this state at least, during a similar length of time.

GEORGE OTIS DRAPER,
WILLIAM BANCROFT,
HOWARD W. BRACKEN,
Board of Assessors.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

| | 1894. | Dr. | Cr. |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| To uncollected taxes | | \$44 00 | |
| By taxes abated | | | \$44 00 |
| | | <u>\$44 00</u> | <u>\$44 00</u> |

| | 1895. | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| To uncollected taxes | | \$103 20 | |
| Interest | | 30 | |
| By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, Treas. | | | \$24 80 |
| By uncollected taxes | | | 78 70 |
| | | <u>\$103 50</u> | <u>\$103 50</u> |

| | 1895. | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Uncollected betterments | | \$854 58 | |
| Interest | | 1 52 | |
| By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, Treas. | | | \$856 10 |
| | | <u>\$856 10</u> | <u>\$856 10</u> |

| | 1896. | | |
|---|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
| To taxes committed for collection | | \$23,846 85 | |
| By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, Treas. | | | \$22,934 27 |
| Exempt | | | 70 80 |
| Discount | | | 451 47 |
| Abated | | | 50 |
| Unpaid | | | 389 81 |
| | | <u>\$23,846 85</u> | <u>\$23,846 85</u> |

1896.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Betterments committed for collection | \$238 35 | |
| Interest | 23 42 | |
| By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, Treas. | | \$261 77 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$261 77 | \$261 77 |

E. S. STIMPSON,
Collector.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

The attention of the Town officials is called to Art. IV., Sec. 3, of the Town By-Laws, which states that—

“All Town officers shall make their annual reports on or before the FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY in each year.”

Twenty intentions of marriage have been recorded. Thirty of the contracting parties were residents of Hopedale.

Twenty-four births have been recorded; 12 male, 12 female. Eight had fathers of foreign birth; 7 had mothers of foreign birth.

Twenty-two marriages have been recorded; second marriage of seven, third marriage of one. Six of the ceremonies were performed by Rev. L. G. Wilson, one by D. A. Westcott, justice of the peace.

Twenty-two deaths have been recorded; 13 male, 9 female. Three were of foreign birth.

Ninety-one dog licenses were granted; 85 male, 6 female. \$181.80 was paid E. A. Brown, County Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. WESTCOTT,
Town Clerk.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The disbursements of the Town of Hopedale through its several departments for the year 1896 are covered by receipts and receipted bills for correct amounts, and the Treasurer's books show a proper balance between income and expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,

ADIN A. MESSINGER,
Auditor.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HOPEDALE,



MASSACHUSETTS.

1896.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|------|
| ALBERT W. HAM, Chairman | . | . | . | 1899 |
| ANNA M. BANCROFT | . | . | . | 1897 |
| FRANK J. DUTCHER, Secretary | . | . | . | 1898 |
| ELMER E. SHERMAN, Superintendent. | | | | |
| [Office hours Thursdays, 5.30 to 7.30.] | | | | |

TRUANT OFFICERS.

ALBERT W. HAM, HENRY M. BATES,
ELMER E. SHERMAN.

AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CERTIFICATES FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN
THE AGES OF 13 AND 16.

ELMER E. SHERMAN.

REPORT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

AVAILABLE FOR USE OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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| General appropriation . . . | \$6,000 00 |
| Income from state school fund . . | 269 20 |
| Amount received from state for super- vision, etc. | 416 67 |
| Supplies, etc., sold | 12 43 |
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| | \$6,698 30 |

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TOWN TREASURER.

Teaching:—

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| Hopedale, including high school . . | \$3,441 39 |
| South Hopedale | 399 88 |

Care of buildings:—

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|--------------------------|--------|
| Hopedale | 356 46 |
| South Hopedale | 19 50 |

Fuel:—

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| Hopedale | 994 74 |
| South Hopedale | 12 50 |

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| Text-books and supplies | 619 20 |
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Repairs:—

Hopedale:—

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| Hopedale Machine Co., plumbing . . | 4 05 |
| Ralph Varnam, carpentry | 2 25 |
| Dutcher Temple Co., labor and supplies | 56 32 |

South Hopedale:—

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| Dutcher Temple Co., painting and other labor and supplies | 160 24 |
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| Hopedale Stable, teams for men, etc. | \$ 14 00 |
| Supervision:— | |
| Elmer E. Sherman, one third of salary | 500 00 |
| Incidentals:— | |
| Chandler Adj. Chair and Desk Co., desks | 5 00 |
| R. Folger, rubber stamps | 35 |
| American School Board Journal, pa- pers | 4 00 |
| E. E. Sherman, traveling expense | 10 52 |
| Hopedale post-office, stamps | 7 50 |
| Zeigler Electric Co., supplies | 60 |
| Cook & Sons, printing | 6 00 |
| Hopedale Machine Screw Co., appar- atus | 1 55 |
| Franklin Educational Co., apparatus | 99 70 |
| Hopedale Machine Co., telephone | 2 60 |
| L. A. Lamson, chemicals | 18 85 |
| R. Varnam, labor | 3 75 |
| Bausch & Lomb Optical Co., apparatus | 20 89 |
| Lucius Lowell, brooms, etc. | 3 07 |
| Heliotype Printing Co., printing | 20 00 |
| H. C. Kendall, filling diplomas | 4 50 |
| G. M. Billings, school reports | 16 25 |
| G. M. Billings, printing | 25 58 |
| Milford Water Co., water | 40 80 |
| Edwin D. Mead, address | 25 00 |
| Thomas & Wolcott, ribbon, etc. | 2 00 |
| Dutcher Temple Co., supplies | 10 38 |
| Thomas Groom & Co., printing | 15 00 |
| Frost & Adams, apparatus | 4 65 |
| Avery & Woodbury, shades | 7 63 |
| J. L. Hammett & Co., globes, maps, etc. | 22 54 |
| Grafton & Upton R. R. Co., freight | 80 |
| George S. Perry & Co., rubber stops | 61 |

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| C. L. Gorham & Co., tuning pianos | \$ 4 00 | |
| Sherman Bros., labor | 7 70 | |
| Hopedale Stable, carting | 1 50 | |
| Clark Ellis & Sons, repairing smoke flues, and small supplies | 40 98 | |
| Improvements:— | | |
| Hopedale:— | | |
| Chandler Adj. Chair & Desk Co., school furniture | 10 35 | |
| George S. Perry & Co., chairs | 36 00 | |
| Balance overdrawn | | \$362 88 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$7,061 18 | \$7,061 18 |

The above report shows the general school appropriation to be overdrawn \$362.88. From this should be deducted \$317.67 for coal, paid to the Hopedale Stable, to be delivered as called for through this winter; the payment being made in this way to save the increased price usually charged for coal by all the local dealers later in the season.

The plan of placing our schools in charge of a Superintendent has now been tried for three years, and the Committee are unanimous in recommending that this policy be continued. We call attention to the report of the Superintendent, which shows in detail the character of the work being done in the schools.

After a full discussion of the question of increased accommodations for the children in the schools below the High School early last season, it was voted to do nothing in 1896 towards either building an addition to the present building, or commencing work on a new one. The Committee who had this matter in charge, were instructed to have a suitable fire escape placed on the present old building, and to have ready to present at a Town meeting early in 1897, a plan for a new eight-room brick building, such as they would recommend, together with estimates as to its cost. This will come before the Town in the form of a report from the special Committee in charge.

We recommend for the regular school work for the coming year an appropriation of \$6000, same as voted in 1896.

For School Committee,

FRANK J. DUTCHER,

Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF HOPEDALE:—

The third annual report of your Superintendent of Schools is hereby presented.

The statistics for the year 1896 include the following facts:—

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| Average membership of the schools | . | . | . | 226.39 |
| Average daily attendance | : | . | . | 215.69 |
| Per cent of attendance | . | . | . | 95.27 |

The enrolment, membership and attendance summaries for 1896 vary but slightly from the figures of the preceding year. It is earnestly desired that teachers, pupils, and parents co-operate in securing regular and punctual attendance. We do well, but it is possible to do better. To quote from my last report: "Habits of punctuality and regular attendance are well worth the effort necessary to form them. Parents and teachers may feel that they are laying a foundation for future success when they insist upon a strict observance of these requirements."

In this connection I wish to call attention to a custom detrimental to the work of the pupil and to the class of which he is a member. I refer to the habit which some parents have of writing excuses for dismissal of the child during the school session, often for trivial reasons. School is the child's *business*. If he were paid in money for his work, a portion of which recompense he would lose by tardiness, dismissal, or non-attendance, would not these evils be reduced to the minimum which illness, bad weather, or other unavoidable causes render necessary? He is a wise parent who regards the value of his child's education above dollars and cents.

HOME STUDY.

A word of explanation may be needed in regard to the study which children above the primary grades are requested

to do at home. One object of such study is to train the child to work independently, and the teachers should assign home lessons, the principles of which have been taught in school.

The child brings what he has tried to do at home to the teacher for her to examine. If it be incorrectly done, the teacher then knows that the subject must be explained to the child more carefully. If, however, the child is helped at home to do the work, or worse still, if the work is done for him, this object of home-study is defeated; the child loses the strength which is developed in overcoming difficulties by his own effort, and the teacher cannot tell where he needs assistance.

If a child is asked to gather information about some subject upon which the parent is informed, the case is different, but in lessons especially assigned by the teachers for home work, it is expected that he will not be told at home just how to accomplish his task, or have the work done for him.

DISCIPLINE.

The discipline of our schools is an important attribute of our system of education. A person is educated who among other things has acquired the power of self-control, and while we train the judgment and enlarge the sympathy we must not neglect to develop, in so far as possible, habits of self-reliance and right action. We must strive to lead the child into that higher realm where he will realize the authority of right, and govern himself accordingly. So, only, can education contribute to the development of this nation along those lines on which our fathers wrought, and perpetuate that for which they sacrificed even life itself. In the hands of the teachers rests a grave responsibility. They should so govern that the action of the child is not repressed, but controlled and directed, until grade by grade the pupil relies less and less upon his teacher, and more and more upon himself. In our high schools the necessity of arbitrary control by the teacher should be reduced to a minimum, and the appeal to the youth's judgment that the teacher's ruling is founded upon right be alone sufficient to the good order of the school. That this ideal is in some measure attainable, a tour of our high schools will furnish ample proof.

That we do not more nearly realize our ideal may be, no doubt is, in part due to faulty work and imperfect systems, but it should be remembered that the child spends only one tenth of his time in the school, and the influences of the home, of the church, and alas, too often of the street, are at work moulding his character. When any of these fail to wisely supplement the school or are antagonistic to its work, then we labor against great odds, and often with discouraging results.

REPORTS.

Parents desire to be informed from time to time in regard to the standing of their children in the school work. To this end the teachers send home reports at the close of each quarter, stating the attendance, scholarship, and deportment of the pupils. In addition to this, there is a special form of report, a fac-simile of which is here given, which is sent to the parent at any time that the pupil's work is unsatisfactory in any study, or whenever his attendance or behavior is at fault:—

HOPEDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SPECIAL REPORT.

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|----------------------------|---------|
| | 189 |
| The daily record of | |
| is unsatisfactory in | |
| Remarks : | |
| | Teacher |
| Please sign and return. | |

The object of this report, in addition to the information conveyed to the parents, is to enlist their co-operation with the teacher in improving the condition of the pupil in the direction indicated by the report. Parents are expected to sign and return the reports, together with any comments or inquiries they may wish to make.

The principal of the High School is usually at the school building every afternoon, Friday excepted, at 2.30.

It is gratifying to note the genuine interest in their work

evinced by those pupils who voluntarily return in the afternoon for study or laboratory practice. There are occasionally pupils in the High School who for various reasons do not apply themselves to study, and consequently fall behind the class. Such pupils are required to return to the school building in the afternoon for study until the lost ground is recovered, and a blank similar to the one shown below is filled out by the teacher and sent to the parent:—

HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL.

On account of unfinished work in _____,
is required to return to the schoolhouse this afternoon _____ at _____

In case illness or other reasonable cause prevents compliance with the above request, a written excuse on the back of this slip should accompany the pupil on his return to school.

Yours respectfully,

To _____

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

The teachers' meetings have been held frequently. On May 28, a joint meeting of the teachers in the district was held in Bellingham, and on September 25 the teachers attended an institute in Franklin.

The teachers' meetings held on alternate Thursdays at 3.30 P. M., in the Grammar room, are open to anyone, and visitors are welcome.

The Superintendent can usually be seen at his house on Thursdays from 5.30 to 7.30 P. M., whenever the schools are in session. Attention is called to the statistics, school laws, and roll of honor appended to this report.

I wish to thank the teachers for their faithful and enthusiastic labors, the Committee for cordial support, and the parents and friends for their sympathy and co-operation in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER E. SHERMAN,

Superintendent of Schools.

Educational Laws in Brief.

All children between 8 and 14, unless sick, feeble-minded, at an approved private school, or otherwise instructed in branches required by law, must attend the public schools 30 weeks each school year. They must begin with the first month of the fall term. Two weeks absence is allowed. Penalty for each five days excess, except for sickness, \$20.

Any child under 15 being an habitual truant or wandering about in the streets and public places, having no lawful employment or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to some institution provided for the purpose for a term not exceeding two years.

No child under 13 can be employed "at any time in any factory, workshop, or mercantile establishment."

No child between 13 and 14 can be employed until he has attended school 30 weeks of the school year.

No child under 16 can be employed without a certificate from the Superintendent of Schools.

A child under 14 must present an employment ticket on applying for a certificate.

The father, if living and a resident, must accompany the child, to sign the certificate of age; if not, the mother; if neither father nor mother, the guardian.

Proof of correct age must be furnished if the age certificate does not agree with the school census.

Children must be vaccinated before attending school, but a certificate from a regular physician, saying a child is an unfit subject for vaccination, allows attendance.

No child can attend school from a household in which there is a case of small pox, diphtheria or scarlet fever. Two weeks after the death, recovery, or removal of the patient, the child may return on presentation of a certificate from the attending physician or board of health.

“The last regular session prior to Memorial Day, or a portion thereof, shall be devoted to exercises of a patriotic nature.”

A United States flag not less than four feet in length shall be displayed on the schoolhouse grounds or building every school day, when the weather will permit, and on the inside of the schoolhouse on other school days.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE, 1896. | | GRADE I. | GRADE II. | GRADE III. | GRADE IV. | GRADE V. | GRADE VI. | GRADE VII. | GRADE VIII. | SOUTH HOPEDALE. | HIGH. | SUMMARY. |
|--|---|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| Total Enrolment | . | 24.49 | 23.36 | 23.02 | 20.64 | 22.67 | 16.43 | 15.38 | 12.07 | 32.72 | 35.61 | 298. |
| Number under 5 years of age | . | 22.88 | 22.12 | 22. | 19.64 | 21.45 | 15.84 | 14.83 | 11.68 | 30.75 | 34.50 | 0. |
| Number between 5 and 8 years of age | . | 98.42 | 94.69 | 95.57 | 95.16 | 94.61 | 96.37 | 96.36 | 96.72 | 93.98 | 96.89 | 90. |
| Number between 8 and 14 years of age | . | 582. | 446. | 369. | 361. | 404. | 241. | 220. | 158. | 709. | 442. | 149. |
| Number between 14 and 15 years of age | . | | | | | | | | | | | 25. |
| Number over 15 years of age | . | | | | | | | | | | | 34. |
| Average number belonging | . | | | | | | | | | | | 226.39 |
| Average daily attendance | . | | | | | | | | | | | 215.69 |
| Per cent of attendance | . | | | | | | | | | | | 95.27 |
| Total half-days' absence | . | 28. | 17. | 12. | 5. | 9. | 7. | 5. | 5. | 69. | 36. | 3,932. |
| Number of cases of tardiness | . | 7. | 9. | 17. | 35. | 80. | 46. | 45. | 32. | 52. | 34. | 193. |
| Number of cases of dismissal | . | 0. | 2. | 0. | 2. | 3. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 357. |
| Number of cases of truancy | . | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 2. | 2. | 2. | 1. | 2. | 0. | 7. |
| Number of cases of corporal punishment | . | 21. | 17. | 0. | 0. | 19. | 0. | 26. | | 13. | 13. | 10. |
| Number of visits by superintendent | . | | | | | | | | | | | 109. |
| Number of visits by committee | . | 4. | | 5. | | 5. | | 4. | | 4. | 1. | 23. |
| Number of visits by others | . | 107. | | 118. | | 139. | | 132. | | 66. | 42. | 604. |
| Number of inhabitants in town May 1, 1896 | . | | | | | | | | | | | 1,531 |
| Number of children between the ages of 5 and 15, May 1, 1896 | . | | | | | | | | | | | 242 |
| Number of children between the ages of 8 and 14, May 1, 1896 | . | | | | | | | | | | | 132 |
| Per cent of children between 5 and 15 to total number of inhabitants | . | | | | | | | | | | | 15.80 |

TEACHERS AND SALARIES.

| TEACHERS. | WHERE FITTED. | Grades. | School Year. | Salaries |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Harland H. Ryder. . . | { Boston University. { Bridgewater Normal School. | High. | 40 wks. | \$1000 00 |
| Harriet E. Kingsbury. | Bridgewater Normal School. | High and Drawing. | 40 wks. | 550 00 |
| Harriet B. Sornborger. | Framingham Normal School. | 7 and 8. | 40 wks. | 550 00 |
| Ethel M. Stickney. | Framingham Normal School. | 5 and 6. | 36 wks. | 360 00 |
| Antoinette F. Batchelor. | Framingham Normal School. | 3 and 4. | 36 wks. | 414 00 |
| F. Maud Greenway. | Providence Normal School. | 1 and 2. | 36 wks. | 378 00 |
| Clara L. Thayer. | Framingham Normal School. | Mixed. | 36 wks. | 378 00 |
| Mabel F. Andrew. | Hopedale High School. | Assistant | 36 wks. | 216 00 |
| Susan E. Whitney. | | Music. | 40 wks. | 142 50 |

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1897.

| | WINTER TERM. | | SPRING TERM. | | FALL TERM. | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------|----------|
| | Opens. | Closes. | Opens. | Closes. | Opens. | Closes. |
| High School and Grades 7 and 8. | Jan. 4,'97 | Mar. 26. | April 5. | June 25. | Sept. 7. | Dec. 21. |
| Other Grades. | Jan. 4,'97 | Mar. 19. | April 5. | June 18. | Sept. 13. | Dec. 17. |

Holidays during the terms:—

Washington's Birthday, Patriots' Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Friday following.

**The Following Named Children Have Been
Neither Absent nor Tardy for the
Terms Specified.**

SIXTEEN TERMS.

Mary Ross—Grade VII.

EIGHT TERMS.

Charles Britten—Grade III.

SIX TERMS.

Roy Westcott—Grade VII.

FIVE TERMS.

Annie D. Knight, Daisy D. Dutcher—High School.

Ella Knight—Grade VI.

Edith Chichester—Grade V.

FOUR TERMS.

Flora Messinger, Roy F. Gaskill—Grade VII.

Charles Westcott—Grade VI.

Raymond McCleary—Grade V.

William H. Brown—Grade IV.

THREE TERMS.

John Gardner, Nellie D. O'Connell—High School.

Arthur Knight, Everett E. Phillips—Grade VII.

Samuel Kelly—Grade VI.

WINTER AND SPRING TERMS.

William H. Knight, Stella E. Clark, Ernest Draper—High School.

Edward E. Adams—Grade VII.

Walter L. Lowell, George R. Holmes—Grade V.
Irene Kellogg—Grade III.

WINTER AND FALL TERMS.

Arthur B. Edmands, Henry W. Westcott, Emma E. Barrows, Alice Northrop, Fred A. Osgood, Cora M. Patrick—High School.

Bessie Lord—Grade VII.
Clara Coyne—Grade VI.
George Kelly, Joyce M. Daniels—Grade IV.
Frank R. Blanchard—Grade II.

WINTER TERM.

Clarence E. Arnold, Sanford Cole, Eugene Muir, Evelyn Weeks—High School.

Eugene Steele, Martha Reid, Mary Ritchie—Grade VIII.
Bertie Adams—Grade VII.
Salome H. Vogel, Tiney Miller—Grade VI.
Warren Henry—Grade V.
Arthur Weeks, Olive Osgood, Lilla Weeks—Grade IV.
Frank Lord—Grade II.

SPRING AND FALL TERMS.

Albert W. Chilson, Charles S. Ross, Mabelle E. Hollis, Hester Westcott—High School.

Matilda M. Vogel—Grade VIII.
Minnie Northrop—Grade VII.
May Northrop, Ethelwyn Britten, Arthur Roper, Helen Sadler—Grade VI.
Mary E. Gaskill, Clayton W. Gaskill—Grade V.
Maria L. Gaskill, Ploomy O. Blake—Grade IV.
Pearl Whitney—Grade III.

SPRING TERM.

Ruth E. Downing, Lillian Bates, Gladys Knight—High School.

Fanny E. Edmands, Josie Ross—Grade VIII.
Edith Clark—Grade VII.

Jennie Gardner—Grade VI.
 Ethel M. Sheldon—Grade V.
 Earl T. Smith, Arthur E. Wood—Grade IV.
 Alice Henry—Grade III.
 George Simmons—Grade II.

FALL TERM.

Winfield S. Lapworth—High School.
 Etta E. Green, Clarence Lapworth—Grade VIII.
 George Gardner, Leon Hammond—Grade VII.
 Bessie Smith, Harold Dudley, Eddie Simmons—Grade VI.
 Lettie Davis, Ruth Dutcher, Ruth Henry, Mary Keeley,
 Harry Webster—Grade V.
 Hazel B. Dewing, William I. Blanchard, Edna Harris,
 Maud Baker, Hector Baker, Harry Steele—Grade IV.
 Alice Downing, Mary Drake, Edith Lowell, Hester Sher-
 man, Renah Smith, Willard Henry, Roy Gaskill—Grade III.
 Earl E. Dewing, Winfield M. Daniels—Grade II.

The following grades present a clean record in regard to marks for tardiness for the term stated:—

Winter Term. Grade VIII. and Grade IV.
 Spring Term. Grade VIII. and Grade VII.

HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION. Class of 1896.

Wednesday Evening, June 17th, at 8 O'clock.

PROGRAMME.

- Essay—"The Influence of Environment upon National Character,"
LUCY ELIZABETH DAY.
- Reading—"Des Djinns," Victor Hugo
AGNES MORIN.
- Chorus—"The High School Bells," A. F. Loud
THE SCHOOL.
- Essay—"The Birth of Worlds,"
EDWARD EUGENE SHELDON.
- Reading—"Herve Riel," Robert Browning
GRACE ADAMS ANDREW.
- *Essay—"Scott and Dickens as Historical Novelists,"
HERBERT BAILEY GRAYSON.
- Vocal Waltzes—"Auf Wiedersehn,"
THE SCHOOL.
- Experimental Dissertation—"Ventilation,"
WILLIAM HORATIO KNIGHT.
- Essay—"The Rise of Mohammedanism,"
MARY MANVILLE CLARK.
- Address and Presentation of Diplomas,
EDWIN D. MEAD, Editor of the New England Magazine.

*Excused.

GRADUATING CLASS.

ACADEMIC COURSE.

LUCY ELIZABETH DAY, MARY MANVILLE CLARK,
WILLIAM HORATIO KNIGHT.

ENGLISH COURSE.

AGNES MORIN.

CERTIFICATE.
PARTIAL ACADEMIC COURSE.
EDWARD EUGENE SHELDON.

PARTIAL ENGLISH COURSE.

GRACE ADAMS ANDREW,

HERBERT BAILEY GRAYSON.

Motto: "Chacun selon sa force."

Color, Light Blue.

Flower, White Rose.

Course of Studies in Hopedale High School.

FIRST YEAR.

| Quarter. | A. | B. | C. | D. | E. |
|----------|-------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|------------|
| 1. | Algebra 5*. | General History 4. | Latin 5. | Bookkeeping 5. | Drawing 2. |
| 2. | " | " | " | " | " |
| 3. | " | " | " | " | " |
| 4. | " | " | " | Commercial Law 5. | " |

SECOND YEAR.

| | | | | | |
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| 1. | Geometry 5. | English History 4. | Latin 5. | Civics 5. | Drawing 2. |
| 2. | " | " | " | " | " |
| 3. | " | English Literature 4. | " | Rhetoric 5. | " |
| 4. | " | " | " | " | " |

THIRD YEAR.

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| 1. | Physics 5. | French 4. | Latin 5. | English Literature 5. | Drawing 2. |
| 2. | " | " | " | " | " |
| 3. | Chemistry 5. | " | " | " | " |
| 4. | " | " | " | " | " |

FOURTH YEAR.

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| 1. | Zoology 4. | French 5. | Latin 5. | Economics 5. | Drawing 2. |
| 2. | " | " | " | " | " |
| 3. | Botany 4. | " | " | Astronomy 5. | " |
| 4. | " | " | " | Geology 5. | " |

The Academic Course consists of A, B, C, and E. Third Year A alternates with Fourth Year A.

The English Course consists of A, B, D, and E.

One period a week is devoted by each pupil to Rhetoricals and News of the Day.

General Exercises in Music, Gymnastics, Grammar School Branches, and Temperance Physiology are continued throughout the entire course.

*Figures after a subject indicate the number of recitation periods a week.

Report of Committee on Additional Heating and Ventilating Apparatus for Schoolhouses.

At the Town meeting in March, 1896, the sum of \$725 was appropriated to be expended by this Committee in completing the work which was substantially done at that time. From this has been paid \$712.44 to Mr. John W. Woods, this being the amount due him in full under the contract, and leaving an unexpended balance of \$12.56. As far as the Committee are aware, there has not been a school closed or a session shortened on account of cold weather, since this apparatus was completed, and whether the buildings continue to be used permanently or not, we feel that the money has been well expended.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. ROPER,
E. D. BANCROFT,
F. J. DUTCHER.

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| Special appropriation for heating contract, | . | \$725 00 |
| Expenses:— | | |
| John W. Woods, balance due, | . | \$712 44 |
| Unexpended, | . | 12 56 |
| | ————— | \$725 00 |

Report of the Committee on Schoolhouse Plans and Fire Escape.

Under the appropriation of \$500, made in 1896, an iron fire escape has been applied to the north side of the Grammar School building, giving a second means of egress from all the rooms of the building in case of fire. This has cost \$254.27. There will be a small amount of work required inside of the building to render access to the balconies sufficiently easy.

For the preliminary plans of the new building submitted at the spring meeting, 1896, together with plans of addition to old building, an expense has been incurred of \$177.85. All the bills on this account have been settled, leaving an unexpended balance of \$67.88. It will be necessary to make an appropriation at the March meeting, 1897, to cover the plans now in process of preparation, this expense being necessary whether the Town votes to erect the building at present, or not.

For the Committee,

F. J. DUTCHER, Secretary.

Schoolhouse plans and fire escape appropriation, . \$500 00
Expenses:—

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Preliminary plans of grammar school building, | \$177 85 |
| Fire escape for grammar school building, | 254 27 |
| Unexpended, | 67 88 |
| | <hr/> \$500 00 |

Eleventh Annual Report

OF THE

Hopedale Public Library,

Hopedale, Massachusetts,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1896.

TRUSTEES.

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|-----------------------------|--------------|-------|--------|
| TIMOTHY OSGOOD, Chairman, | Term Expires | March | 1897 |
| MYRON J. BIGELOW, | . | " | " 1898 |
| FRANK H. FRENCH, Secretary, | | " | " 1899 |

LIBRARIAN.

FRANK H. FRENCH.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

MISS GEORGIENA BAILEY.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of the Hopedale Public Library.

During 1895 the lack of funds at the disposal of the trustees prevented the addition of the usual number of new books, and in consequence the library was not maintained at its usual standard. The increased appropriation granted in 1896 has enabled the making up in a large degree what was lost the preceding year. The increased number of books taken out and visitors to the library show that the increase has been put to good use, and that it has been appreciated by those who use the library.

During the year just past, the number of volumes has been increased from 4940 to 5474. This does not include some books which did not arrive in time to admit accession during the last year. This makes in all 534 volumes, against 215 volumes for 1895. Many of the books have been books of reference, particularly valuable in connection with the work pursued in the public schools. More books were taken out in 1896 by 1500 than were taken out during 1895. The visitors to the library during 1896 numbered 9022, or about eight times the population of the town. This is about 500 more than were recorded during 1895. The number of card-holders has been increased from 1090 to 1199.

In the last annual report the trustees invited suggestions as to books that were necessary or would be helpful to any of the townspeople, and especially the school children. The invitation was accepted, and requests have been made for books, and in every case, except when the books asked for were out of print and could not be procured, the books asked for are in the library.

The reference department is still in need of more books.

The ground lost in 1895 has not been fully regained. In view of this the trustees recommend an appropriation of \$1300 and dog tax for the present year, in order to increase and maintain the efficiency of the library.

With the above statements and recommendations, together with the financial and book accounts, the report for 1896 is respectfully submitted.

TIMOTHY OSGOOD,
FRANK H. FRENCH,
MYRON J. BIGELOW,

Trustees.

Feb. 8, 1897.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts:—

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,300 00 |
| Proceeds of dog tax | 169 98 |
| Fines | 34 25 |

Expenditures:—

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Books | \$668 25 |
| Periodicals | 152 45 |
| Binding | 120 91 |

Services:—

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Miss Bailey | \$314 00 |
| Miss Ross | 14 55 |
| | <hr/> 328 55 |

Supplies:—

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| F. H. French | \$10 50 |
| G. M. Billings | 12 50 |
| Library bureau | 50 99 |
| | <hr/> 73 99 |

Lighting:—

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Milford Gas Light Co. | 70 86 |
|-------------------------------|-------|

Sundries:—

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Eldredge & Beatty, finishing floor | \$41 50 |
| F. H. French, express, postage, box rent, labor, etc. | 27 44 |
| C. A. Hill, changing gas fixtures | 6 48 |
| H. M. Bates, removing, cleaning and putting on screens | 2 50 |
| G. M. Billings, printing report | 3 50 |
| Hopedale Machine Co., labor | 1 15 |
| Milford Gas Light Co., repairing burners | 6 65 |
| | <hr/> 89 22 |

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LIBRARY STATISTICS.

The following lists show the number of books delivered for home use, and the number of visitors to the reading-room during 1895 and 1896 :—

| | Books Taken Out. | | Visitors to Reading-Room. | |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| | 1895. | 1896. | 1895. | 1896. |
| January, | 778 | 848 | 772 | 769 |
| February, | 741 | 893 | 766 | 823 |
| March, | 880 | 905 | 801 | 823 |
| April, | 701 | 718 | 838 | 611 |
| May, | 446 | 742 | 471 | 542 |
| June, | 512 | 705 | 488 | 558 |
| July, | 569 | 766 | 549 | 561 |
| August, | 608 | 872 | 612 | 730 |
| September, | 688 | 814 | 738 | 813 |
| October, | 825 | 875 | 836 | 964 |
| November, | 877 | 945 | 917 | 955 |
| December, | 804 | 886 | 735 | 873 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 8,429 | 9,969 | 8,523 | 9,022 |
| | | 1895. | | 1896. |
| Card-holders, | | 1,090 | | 1,199 |
| Circulation, | | 8,429 | | 9,969 |
| Visitors to reading-room, | | 8,523 | | 9,022 |
| Volumes in library, | | 4,940 | | 5,474 |
| Fines, etc., | | \$29.15 | | \$34.25 |
| Percentage of fiction, | | 76 | | 79 |

GIFTS TO LIBRARY IN 1896.

| | Vol. | Pam. | Per. |
|---|------|------|------|
| Adams, North, Public Library . . | . | 1 | |
| Burlington, Vt., Public Library . . | . | 1 | |
| Billings, G. M. (Milford Gazette) . . | . | | |
| Chelsea Public Library | . | 1 | |
| Clinton Public Library | . | 1 | |
| Cook, Mayo T. | . | 21 | |
| Cook & Sons (Milford Journal, Daily and Weekly) | . | | |

| | Vol. | Pam. | Per |
|--|------|---------|-----|
| Draper, G. A. | 1 | | |
| Draper, Gen. W. F. (Gov. Publications) . | 345 | 30 | |
| Draper, Gen. W. F. (Geologic Atlas of U. S.) | 27 | Folios. | |
| Dutcher, F. J. | 5 | | 11 |
| Dutcher, F. J. (Foundry) | | | |
| Everett Public Library | | 1 | |
| Fall River Public Library | | 1 | |
| Gardner, S. | 1 | | |
| Grand Rapids (Mich.) Public Library . | | 1 | |
| Hopedale High School (The Viewpoint) . | | | |
| Lancaster Public Library | | 1 | |
| Lawrence Public Library | | 1 | |
| Leahy Bros. (Daily News) | | | |
| Library Bureau | | | 2 |
| Lynn Public Library | | 1 | |
| Malden Public Library | | 1 | |
| Massachusetts Secretary of State . . | 25 | 3 | |
| Melrose Public Library | | 1 | |
| Middleton Public Library | | 1 | |
| Natick Public Library | | 1 | |
| Newton Public Library | | 1 | |
| New Bedford Public Library | | 1 | |
| Paterson, N. J., Public Library | | 1 | |
| Providence Public Library | | 1 | |
| Shaker Community Library (The Manifesto) | | | |
| Southbridge Public Library | | 1 | |
| Taunton Public Library | | 1 | |
| U. S. Government | 14 | | |
| Weymouth Public Library | | 1 | |
| Wilcox, C. W. | 1 | | |
| Willard, Mrs. George (Christian Alliance) . | | | |
| Woburn Public Library | | 1 | |
| Worcester Public Library | | 1 | |

LIST OF PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED.

[Those marked with an * are given.]

WEEKLIES.

| | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| American Architect and Building News.* | Illustrated London News. |
| American Gardening. | Milford Gazette.* |
| American Machinist. | Milford Journal.* |
| Electrical World. | New England Homestead. |
| Frank Leslie's Illustrated. | Official Gazette.* |
| Garden and Forest. | Publisher's Weekly. |
| Harper's Bazar. | Scientific American. |
| Harper's Round Table. | Scientific American Supplement. |
| Harper's Weekly. | Youth's Companion. |
| Illustrated American. | |

MONTHLIES.

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|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| American Advocate of Peace.* | Foundry.* |
| Arena. | Harper's Magazine. |
| Art Interchange. | Industrial Record. |
| Atlantic. | Ladies' Home Journal. |
| Carpentry and Building. | McClure's Magazine. |
| Century. | Manifesto.* |
| Cosmopolitan. | Munsey's. |
| Demorest's. | New England Magazine. |
| Educational Review. | North American Review. |
| Engineering. | Review of Reviews. |
| Forum. | St. Nicholas. |
| Frank Leslie's Popular Magazine. | Scribner's. |
| | Textile Record.* |

DAILIES.

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| Boston Globe. | Milford News.* |
| Boston Journal. | Woonsocket Reporter. |
| Milford Journal.* | |

TOWN OF HOPEDALE.

